New Orleans Loa.
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Cousin Dave;

It has been some time since I have written a letter home and as I have a little leisure time this morning I will improve it in writing to you. I have no news in particular to write the best I have to offer is that Henry & I are both enjoying good health. I suppose that the worst part of the hot season is to come yet, but I guess that we can stand it. I am pretty careful what I eat, and keep regular hours and am very temperate I drink nothing stronger than wine a few glasses of that every

deny is good fer a person. all
the doctors recommend it in
this country. I think there is a
good prospect of our staying in
the City this Summer. I hope
we shall for we are fixed very
comfortable I dont know as I
could be any better off if I was at
home. We have got a nice
house now all to ourselves for
officers quarters and have
everything convenient. we have
never been so well situated for
taking comfort before since
we have been in the service.
We buried one of our officers last
Thursday. Lt. Aylmer. I wrote
to you about the accident that
he met with and that he had
his arm taken off. he got along
first rate for a while and we
all thought that he was going
to get well. but he had one

attack of Pneumonia and the physicians could not save him. he was a very intimate friend of mine and I loved him as a brother. we were generally together in all the engagements that we have ever had and supported each other. this is one reason I suppose that made me so much attached to him. we buried him with military honors. I had charge of the funeral escort.

I suppose that you will begin to look for us home before a great while. we can soon begin to count the time by weeks. I dont know whether the men will be mustered out here or sent home and all be mustered out together. I had rather go home and then if I have to stay another year I can be at home a little while

I have several other letters
to write to-day so I shall
have to bring this to a close or
else some others will be neglected
I am going to write to your
Mother before long I am sorry
to hear that her health is so
poor this summer. I am afraid
she tries to do to much when she
feels well. write to me
as often as convenient
our respects to all

From your Cousin
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